

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-40. (previously cancelled)

41.-79. (cancelled)

80. (new) A feeding bottle for babies or young children comprising a container body having a rim at its open end and a closure therefor, wherein the container body before use has a removable cover protecting the interior thereof, characterized in that the cover is sealed over the rim and extends into the container body, whereby container bodies are stackable one within the other.

81. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the bottle further comprise a closure stackable within other like closures.

82. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the cover is adhered to the rim of the container body at its open end.

83. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the cover is made of flexible plastics material.

84. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the cover is non-stick relative to the material of the container body.

85. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the cover is made of polystyrene.

86. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the closure component

includes a teat for the bottle.

87. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the teat is a separable component.

88. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 87 further comprising means for locking the teat in place.

89. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 88, wherein the locking means comprises a locking ring to clamp a flange of the teat between the closure and the ring.

90. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 86, wherein the teat is bonded or co-molded to the closure.

91. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 86, wherein the teat is attached to one end of the container body and the closure is attachable to the opposite end of the body.

92. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 86, wherein a cap is provided for protecting the teat.

93. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 92, wherein the cap is a press-fit over the teat onto the closure or sides of the body.

94. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the closure has a drinking spout.

95. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 94, wherein the spout has a slit for a drinking opening.

96. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed In claim 94, wherein the spout is situated close to an edge of the closure.

97. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 94, wherein the closure has a vent.

98. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed In claim 97, wherein the vent 1s in the form of a

slit.

99. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 97, wherein the vent is in a depression of the closure.

100. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 94, wherein the spout has a slit for a drinking opening, the closure has a vent in the form of a slit, and the vent slit is shorter than the slit of the drinking spout.

101. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 94, wherein the spout is co-molded onto the closure.

102. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 101, wherein the vent is co-molded onto the closure.

103. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the closure is a screw cap.

104. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the closure is non-removable once the bottle has been filled.

105. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 104, wherein the closure and container include a ratchet mechanism.

106. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the closure is a snap-fit onto the body.

107. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 106, wherein a formation is provided on the body to inhibit removal of the closure.

108. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 107, wherein said formation is a rib to inhibit removal of the closure.

109. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 108, wherein the rib extends outwards to be substantially coterminous with the outer extent of the closure.

110. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the closure is adapted or arranged to form a fluid tight seal with the container body.

111. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the cover is made of flexible plastics material.

112. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the cover is non-stick relative to the material of the container body.

113. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 80, wherein the cover is made of polystyrene.

114. (new) A container body for a feeding bottle for babies or young children, the container body having a rim at its open end, wherein the container body before use has a removable cover protecting the interior thereof, characterized in that the cover is sealed over the rim and extends into the container body, whereby container bodies are stackable one within the other.

115. (new) A container body as claimed in claim 114, wherein the cover is made of flexible plastics material.

116. (new) A container body as claimed in claim 114, wherein the cover is non-stick relative to the material of the container body.

117. (new) A container body as claimed in claim 114, wherein the cover is made of polystyrene.

118. (new) A stack of container bodies as claimed in claim 106 and closures therefor, wherein the stack is packaged in a sterile manner.

No new matter is added by this amendment.